









## "VEDALIA CARDINALIS."

## THE AUSTRALIAN LADYBUG AS THE ORCHARDIST'S FRIEND.

Rise and Dwell of the Cottony Cushion scale. The Pest can be exterminated.

There has been issued from the State Printing Office a pamphlet by Geo. Rice, Quarantine Officer of the State Board of Horticulture, entitled "Historical Sketch of the Rise and Dwell of the Cottony Cushion Scale," which recites at length the story of the ravages made by this pest in the orchards and gardens of this and other States, and of the various methods pursued to exterminate it. The pamphlet concludes with a chapter showing how the Australian ladybug (*vedalia cardinalis*) came to be introduced in this State, and of its successful crusade against the pest referred to.

The value of the ladybug, as an exterminator of the cottony cushion scale, has been fully demonstrated in this city. A year ago there were few gardens that were not infested with it, some trees and shrubs being literally covered, and looking as if they had been in a snowstorm. The ladybugs were turned loose from the Capitol Park and other places, and the result has been an apparent extermination of the scale, and a year ago have now scarcely a scale upon them.

Referring to the matter of the discovery of the ladybug's enemy, the scale, and its introduction into California, Mr. Rice says: "We had heard that there was a parasite in Australia that almost entirely exterminated the cottony cushion scale, and it was sent to Australia. The parasite was a minute fly, which punctured the scale, laid its egg, which hatched out into a grub that made its meal of the scale, changed into a fly, to again repeat its work."

"Mr. Albert Koebel left San Francisco for Australia August 10, 1888, and arrived at his destination in due season. He immediately sent a supply of the *Leptothrips* to this country, which were duly taken care of on their arrival. In the meantime Mr. Koebel went to work to thoroughly investigate the scales, their parasites, and their workings, and was not long in discovering that the 'boss' scale destroyer was an entirely different kind of a parasite. It was the ladybug, the *Vedalia cardinalis*. He found to be the principal enemy of the cottony cushion scale, and he was not long in dropping Mr. Fly for making the acquaintance of *Vedalia*.

"He captured and shipped several colonies of beetles and their larvae. The first importation reached here November 30, another December 20, 1888, and still another January 24, 1889. These colonies were sent to the various orchards in Los Angeles, and the 'boss' scale destroyer, as San Gabriel, under the care of Professor D. W. Whittier, of the Entomological Staff, Department of Agriculture. They soon multiplied and increased some thing after the form of a geometrical progression. Mr. Koebel, however, considered Mr. Alexander Craw, who knew all the time that there must be some enemy in Australia, together with Professor Coquette, distributed thousands to the various orchardists, who, hearing of their wonderful work, flocked in to get them. The same work was going on at the same time. Colonel J. R. Robbins, at San Gabriel, where the Colonel and his help gave their entire time to making up and distributing colonies to all who came for them, and they came from far and near.

"While the good work of the *Vedalia* was going on in Southern California, the little ladybug was distributed by the State Board of Horticulture throughout Central and Northern California, where it was found to be the principal enemy of the cottony cushion scale, and was known to be infested with cottony cushion scale.

"By December 1, 1889, the work of exterminating the cottony cushion scale was practically accomplished. The money value of this *Vedalia* to the orange growers of this State has been incalculable. The saving of the orchards already infested, the protecting of the others that were sure to be blighted by this terrible curse, to say nothing of perpetuating an industry that seems to be the king of all our horticultural pursuits, is simply grand, and cannot be estimated in the usual dollar and cent.

"In this connection we think it proper and just that some fitting notice should be presented to Mr. Albert Koebel, who came near sacrificing his life in his search for this ladybug, and its introduction into this country.

"Nothing could be more appropriate than the raising of not less than \$2,500 with which to buy a neat cottage in the home of Mr. Koebel, and present it to him and his amiable wife, as a small testimony of our gratitude to him for the subject named only to be mentioned to meet with a hearty endorsement.

"At the Fruit-Growers' Convention, assembled in Los Angeles, a resolution was passed, requesting all persons who desired to contribute any sum towards purchasing a suitable memorial to be presented to Mr. Koebel, to forward the same to the Secretary State Board of Horticulture, 220 Sutter street, San Francisco.

**POLICE COURT.**  
Burglars Murray, Wagner and Emerson held to answer.

The Police Court was again crowded with spectators yesterday. Charles Turner, a colored pugilist, was fined \$30 for disturbing the peace of an aged colored lady.

John Hunt and Owen Riley were each sent to jail for five days for sleeping in box-cars.

Mary Roberts was up again for drunkenness, and despite her denial of the charge Judge Buckley fined her \$5, with the usual alternative.

M. Hughes, charged with being drunk, was allowed to go.

The case of Frank Murphy, charged with disturbing the peace in cutting off the whiskers of an individual who was asleep, was continued.

A continuance until Thursday was granted in the case of J. D. Jost, charged with disturbing the peace.

Ed. Emerson, Albert Wagner and Tom Murray were held to answer for burglary, and bail was fixed at \$2,000.

The case of Harry Manning, charged with disturbing the peace, was continued until today.

The grand larceny charge against E. C. Dearborn was dismissed.

The case of Mrs. Stevens, charged with petit larceny, was ordered dismissed, a stipulation of satisfaction having been filed.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, charged with receiving stolen property, knowing the same to have been stolen, and their case continued until to-morrow.

## A BOARD BILL.

Felter, Son & Co., Lose a Suit in the Superior Court.

Judge John Hunt, of San Francisco, presided in Department Two of the Superior Court yesterday, during the hearing of the case of Felter, Son & Co. vs. J. B. Brown.

The plaintiffs are the well-known liquor firm, and the defendant is the former licensee of the State House Hotel. Brown's house was supplied with liquor for a long time by the plaintiffs, and the payments they admit were prompt. Felter, Son & Co. also boarded several of their employees at the State House Hotel, and their board bills were, by mutual consent, deducted from the firm's bill for liquor.

When Mr. Brown was about to retire from business, a general settling up was had with the liquor firm, and all accounts were "squared" satisfactorily, with the exception of one item which appeared in Mr. Brown's bill against Felter, Son & Co. This was the board bill of a young man named Steve Butler, an employee of the liquor firm, and amounted to \$78.86. Brown testified that he had been in the board room of the hotel, and that he had seen the young man by E. F. Chase, the authorized agent of Felter, Son & Co. The Felter firm, on the other hand, declared that Chase had not authorized by them to transact such business or incur such liability.

The question as to Chase's authority to do as he had done was the principal point upon which the suit hinged.

Chase testified that when in the employ of Felter, Son & Co. he had been authorized by them, in writing, to do business for them. When asked if he still had that document in his possession, he replied that he had given it to his attorney, W. A. Anderson, and that the latter had lost it.

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## PASSING AWAY.

Another Pioneer of the Days of '49 Gone to Rest.

Death has laid its hand upon another of the earliest pioneer residents of Sacramento, Wyman Mitchell, Freight Agent of the Steam Navigation Company. He died yesterday morning in his room in the Empire building on K street, between Front and Second, from heart failure. Mr. Mitchell had been in poor health for some time past, having recently been confined to his room.

On Saturday night he was worse than usual, but felt better on Sunday. Yesterday morning he informed his friend, Captain Welch (Walden), of his condition, and he died about 10 o'clock. He was 60 years of age, and was a native of New York. He had been in Sacramento for many years, and was well known to the community.

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## DOWN ON THE ISLANDS.

Prospects of the River Orchards—Damage From Water.

It is too soon to give an opinion as to the prospects for the season's fruit crop along the Sacramento river, between here and Rio Vista, but it is said that great damage will be done to peach trees from the superabundance of moisture in the low lands. The young foliage on many of the peach trees appears to be withering, and the curled leaf is prevalent. Pear trees look well, and promise an abundance of fruit, but many predict that a great deal will fall off.

The river has been high all winter, and will be some time to come. This causes a constant sparge, which, added to two and a half feet of rainfall, has saturated the ground thoroughly, so there is no drainage, except where pumps are provided, as in the Pearson district, back of Courtland, and about a thousand acres at Isleton. Nearly all the other islands have been under water on the surface of the low lands.

The pump on Grand Island is being put in, and, it is expected, will be running in about a month. The intention is to reduce the water, so that evaporation will help to dry out the land, and thus enable the growers to get to work on the land by July or August. Before another winter this fine body of land will be almost impregnable against such floods as we have had.

The break in Brannan Island levee, opposite Rio Vista, has been closed, and the water will recede as the San Joaquin river falls.

The upper portion of Andrus Island has quite a number of water on it, except along the front, or orchard land, and peach trees along there look very sickly. The same may be said of the peaches generally along the river, and any berries in fruit are sure to realize good prices this season. It is doubtful if the river will fall until the middle of June, and below the natural banks until about in June.

**BRIEF NOTES.**  
Clara Williams has brought suit for divorce against Joseph A. Williams.

Mr. D. Eldred has been appointed by Assessor Frost as collector of Chinese poll tax for the city of Sacramento.

Kilgore & Co. will receive bids for the refreshment privileges at the Grangers' picnic until Saturday, April 20th.

Arthur J. Wilson has been admitted to partnership with his father, J. W. Wilson, in the lively business on K street.

John D. Shearer & Son are constructing a new building on K street, for the purpose of storing coal and other goods.

Yesterday Deputy Constable Frank Swift, who has been indicted by the San Joaquin Grand Jury in connection with the recent kidnapping of a Chinaman, surrendered himself to the police.

At the late meeting of the Grand Lodge of Royal and selected Masters in San Francisco, a special committee, consisting of William A. Davies, Stephen Wing and John D. Shearer, reported to the lodge.

Mr. Crozier, who recently went to Japan with her daughter, under contract to work in a hotel at Tokio, has been heard from. She was then at Yokohama, and wrote to a friend, and says they had a pleasant passage and arrived safely. They were going to the hotel in Tokio for which they were engaged, and says they had so far proved satisfactory. The Japs had treated them all as ladies, and were as good as could be.

**City Finances.**  
Following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer, as shown by the City Auditor's report for the week ending Saturday, April 12th:

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**REWARD OF MERIT.**  
A party of 30 locomotive engineers, employed by the N. Y. & P. Central road, passed through this city last evening in special car en route to San Francisco. Each of the engineers has been in the continuous service of the New York Central over thirty years, and none of them were ever suspended or reprimanded for any attention to their duties. Recognizing their worth and desiring to set an example to other similar companies, the company gives these men a free excursion from New York to San Francisco and back. They make a jolly party and all are taking pains to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

**HEALTH AND BEAUTY.**  
Swift's Specific has cured my little niece of white swelling of the worst type. More than twenty pieces of bone came out of her leg. She was not able to walk for eight months, and was confined to her bed for a year. I used Swift's Specific, and she is now as well and playful as any child.

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"Mingo," the latest style in "E. & W." Collars, just received by express, 25 cents.

## OF INTEREST TO MEN.

TO-DAY, AT 9:30 A. M.

We bought last week at assignee's sale, in San Francisco, the bankrupt stock of Hutchinson & Gladstone.

Such part of the stock as belongs to the Men's Furnishing Goods Department will be sold TO-DAY at 9:30 A. M.

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE LEADING ITEMS:**  
A lot of Men's Merino and Canton Flannel Undershirts and Drawers at 17 cents each.

Nearly all sizes in Men's Unlaundered White Shirts, linen bosoms, continuous strips, well made and with reinforced backs and fronts. Price, 19 cents.

A lot of Men's White Shirts, laundered. Many have the latest improvements. Some are slightly soiled. Marked at the uniform price of 43 cts.

Medium-weight Merino Undershirts and Drawers to match, 24 cents each.

A lot of White Dress Shirts, some with plain pique bosoms and some with embroidered pique bosoms. The uniform price will be 59 cents. Some are slightly soiled.

Men's Linen Cuffs, 9 cents a pair.  
Men's Linen Collars, various styles, 4 cents.

A lot of Men's Undershirts and Drawers, including red knit, camels' hair and fancy striped goods. On account of their being odds and ends and heavy weight we have marked them 59 cents per garment.

Boys' Red Knit Wool Drawers, 50 cents.  
Odds and ends in NECKTIES, GLOVES, SOCKS, SUSPENDERS.

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**CARPETS!**  
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THE ONLY FIRST-CLASS CROCKERY HOUSE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

**WATCH OUR PRICE LIST. A FEW GIVEN BELOW:**  
Fine China Decorated Cups and Saucers.....15 cents  
Fine China Decorated Cupboards.....45 cents  
Plain Heavy Water Tumblers.....45 cents a dozen  
Genuine Rochester Burner Nickel Lamp.....\$2  
English Decorated Tea Set, 44 pieces.....\$2.50  
English Decorated Dinner and Tea Sets, 100 pieces, \$10.50  
Heavy Water Goblets.....5 cents

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Summer Suits from \$3.50 and up.  
Small Boys' Blue Flannel Suits, 85 cents and up.  
Men's and Boys' Straw Hats, nice line, at all prices.  
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Large line of Men's Shoes, 75 cents and up.  
Men's Canvas Shoes, 65 cents and up.  
Men's Lace, Button and Gaiter Shoes, from \$1.00 upwards.  
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Also automatic bobbin winder and self-setting attachments. The Improved High Arm Favorite Sewing Machine, with full set of attachments, for only \$30. Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, White, National and all other makes of Sewing Machines. Second-hand Machines of any kind, in perfect repair, with all attachments, from \$10 up. 4 machines exchanged for new ones. We repair all kinds of sewing machines, by hand or machine, and guarantee our work. Buy no sewing machine before trying the Whittier, Fuller & Co. Sewing Machine.

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THE LEADING HOUSE OF SACRAMENTO, Cal. 25 cents. WM. LAM, Proprietor. Free bus to and from hotel.

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Free bus to and from the City.

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First-class house in every respect. Ladies' billiard room, open all day. Restaurant and oyster house. Free bus to and from hotel.

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